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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Japan 8-30408 is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Publication No. 2001/0029530
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,493,101
- (3) Japan 8-30408

Japan 8-30408 is discussed in the specification at page 1, line 24. This reference might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

An English-language abstract for Japanese document has been located and is enclosed. In addition, document (2) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of the Japanese document.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /P.H./

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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